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106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 791

[Report No. 106–189]

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. GILCHREST (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 17, 1999

Additional sponsors: Mr. HOYER and Mrs. MORELLA

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House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 23, 1999]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Star-Spangled Banner*
5 *National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds that—*

8 *(1) the British invasion of Maryland and Wash-*
9 *ington, District of Columbia, during the War of 1812*
10 *marks a defining period in the history of our Nation,*
11 *the only occasion on which the United States of*
12 *America has been invaded by a foreign power;*

13 *(2) the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic*
14 *Trail traces the arrival of the British fleet in the Pa-*
15 *tuxent River in Calvert County and St. Mary’s Coun-*
16 *ty, Maryland, the landing of British forces at Bene-*
17 *dict, the sinking of the Chesapeake Flotilla at Pig*
18 *Point in Prince George’s County and Anne Arundel*
19 *County, Maryland, the American defeat at the Battle*
20 *of Bladensburg, the siege of the Nation’s Capital,*
21 *Washington, District of Columbia (including the*
22 *burning of the United States Capitol and the White*
23 *House), the British naval diversions in the upper*
24 *Chesapeake Bay leading to the Battle of Caulk’s Field*
25 *in Kent County, Maryland, the route of the American*

1 troops from Washington through Georgetown, the
2 Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Howard, and
3 Baltimore, and the city of Baltimore, Maryland, to
4 the Battle of North Point, and the ultimate victory of
5 the Americans at Fort McHenry on September 14,
6 1814, where a distinguished Maryland lawyer and
7 poet, Francis Scott Key, wrote the words that cap-
8 tured the essence of our national struggle for inde-
9 pendence, words that now serve as our national an-
10 them, the Star-Spangled Banner; and

11 (3) the designation of this route as a national
12 historic trail—

13 (A) would serve as a reminder of the impor-
14 tance of the concept of liberty to all who experi-
15 ence the Star-Spangled Banner National His-
16 toric Trail; and

17 (B) would give long overdue recognition to
18 the patriots whose determination to stand firm
19 against enemy invasion and bombardment pre-
20 served this liberty for future generations of
21 Americans.

22 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TRAIL FOR STUDY.**

23 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16
24 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (36) (as added
2 by section 3 of the *El Camino Real Para Los Texas*
3 *Study Act of 1993* (107 Stat. 1497)) as paragraph
4 (37) and in subparagraph (C) by striking “detemine”
5 and inserting “determine”;

6 (2) by designating the paragraphs relating to the
7 *Old Spanish Trail and the Great Western Scenic*
8 *Trail* as paragraphs (38) and (39), respectively; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(40) *STAR-SPANGLED BANNER NATIONAL HISTORIC*
11 *TRAIL.*—

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Star-Spangled Banner*
13 *National Historic Trail, tracing the War of 1812*
14 *route from the arrival of the British fleet in the Pa-*
15 *tuxent River in Calvert County and St. Mary’s Coun-*
16 *ty, Maryland, the landing of the British forces at*
17 *Benedict, the sinking of the Chesapeake Flotilla at*
18 *Pig Point, the American defeat at the Battle of*
19 *Bladensburg, the siege of the Nation’s Capital, Wash-*
20 *ington, District of Columbia (including the burning*
21 *of the United States Capitol and the White House),*
22 *the British naval diversions in the upper Chesapeake*
23 *Bay leading to the Battle of Caulk’s Field in Kent*
24 *County, Maryland, the route of the American troops*
25 *from Washington through Georgetown, the Maryland*

1 *Counties of Montgomery, Howard, and Baltimore,*
2 *and the city of Baltimore, Maryland, to the Battle of*
3 *North Point, and the ultimate victory of the Ameri-*
4 *cans at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1814.*

5 “(B) *AFFECTED AREAS.*—*The trail crosses* 8
6 *counties within the boundaries of the State of Mary-*
7 *land, the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and Wash-*
8 *ington, District of Columbia.*

9 “(C) *COORDINATION WITH OTHER CONGRESSION-*
10 *ALLY MANDATED ACTIVITIES.*—*The study under this*
11 *paragraph shall be undertaken in coordination with*
12 *the study authorized under section 603 of the Omni-*
13 *bus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996*
14 *(16 U.S.C. 1a-5 note; 110 Stat. 4172) and the Ches-*
15 *apeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network au-*
16 *thorized under the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of*
17 *1998 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; 112 Stat. 2961). Such co-*
18 *ordination shall extend to any research needed to*
19 *complete the studies and any findings and implemen-*
20 *tation actions that result from the studies and shall*
21 *use available resources to the greatest extent possible*
22 *to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.*

23 “(D) *DEADLINE FOR STUDY.*—*Not later than 2*
24 *years after funds are made available for the study*
25 *under this paragraph, the study shall be completed*

1 *and transmitted with final recommendations to the*
2 *Committee on Resources in the House of Representa-*
3 *tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-*
4 *sources in the Senate.”.*

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